

PROVIDING AVIATION EDUCATION IN THE SENIOR HIGH  
SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Mr. PASTORE, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. 1475]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1475) to amend section 1 of the act to provide aviation education in the senior high schools of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved December 16, 1941, after full consideration, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and in lieu thereof insert the following:

That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide aviation education in the senior high schools of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved December 16, 1941 (55 Stat. 806; D. C. Code, 1940 edition, Supp. VII, sec. 31-1201) is amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph as follows:

"The Board is further authorized to include in the curriculum of instruction flight experience, and such allied subjects as the Board in its discretion may deem advisable, in order to illustrate the principles of aviation, and to enter into contracts with qualified public or private agents or agencies for such flight experience. The District of Columbia, the Board of Education and its members or employees, and the United States Government shall not be liable for any injuries or damage arising out of such flight experience and instruction. Such instruction shall be given only with the written consent of a parent or the guardian, or the person having the care and control, of any minor under the age of twenty-one years; and such contracting agent or agency shall provide adequate insurance or indemnity for any injury or damage arising out of such flight instruction."

The purpose of the bill, as amended by the committee, is to permit the Board of Education of the District of Columbia to institute flight instruction for aviation students. At the present time instruction in aviation is limited to theoretical ground work. The bill would allow the Board of Education to supplement such courses by offering students actual flight instruction, during which the operation of the principles taught in ground courses can be illustrated. It is not contemplated that the bill would permit pilot training of District students.

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Such instruction, under the terms of the bill, may be given only with the written consent of the parent, or other person responsible for the care and custody of any minor. The Board of Education is empowered to enter into contracts with public or private agencies for the giving of such instruction, provided that such agencies carry adequate insurance against injuries or damage arising from such instruction. The bill provides that the District of Columbia, the Board of Education, and the Federal Government shall not be liable for actions arising out of the giving of such instruction.

The bill has the support of the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education, and the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

### CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection (4) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law in the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

[PUBLIC LAW 348—77TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 585—1ST SESSION]

[H. R. 5476]

AN ACT To provide aviation education in the senior high schools of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to establish and to include in the curricula of the senior high schools of the District of Columbia, as an additional optional course, a course in aeronautics, which shall include instruction in aerodynamics, the theory of flight, the airplane and its engine, mechanics, engineering, meteorology, practical air navigation, map reading, and such other allied subjects as the Board in its discretion may deem it advisable to prescribe. Such course shall be first offered during the high-school term beginning in 1942. Thereafter such additional courses in aeronautics may be added as deemed desirable by the Board of Education. The same credit toward graduation may be given for said course as is given for other optional courses in said schools.

*The Board is further authorized to include in the curriculum of instruction flight experience, and such allied subjects as the Board in its discretion may deem advisable, in order to illustrate the principles of aviation, and to enter into contracts with qualified public or private agents or agencies for such flight experience. The District of Columbia, The Board of Education and its members or employees, and the United States Government shall not be liable for any injuries or damage arising out of such flight experience and instruction. Such instruction shall be given only with the written consent of a parent or the guardian, or the person having the care and control, of any minor under the age of twenty-one years; and such contracting agent or agency shall provide adequate insurance or indemnity for any injury or damage arising out of such flight instruction.*

SEC. 2. The Board is further authorized to employ a sufficient number of teachers of aeronautics, not to exceed six, adequately to instruct those pupils who elect to pursue the said course, at the salary rates authorized for teachers in the senior high schools.

SEC. 3. The Board shall provide the pupils of the senior high schools, free of charge, with the use of all aeronautical textbooks, maps, and other necessary educational supplies required for said course.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum not to exceed \$16,000 in order to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Board shall hereafter include in its annual estimates of money required for the public schools of the District of Columbia for the ensuing year an amount sufficient to defray the expenses herein authorized.

Approved, December 16, 1941.

